

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District FY09 Local Work Group development of local EQIP Worksheet:

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- Ground & surface water
- Buffers to streams/water; riparian buffers
- West Branch of the Rum River as an area with agriculture as the major land use
- Milaca/Bogus Brook/Borgholm townships – higher feedlot areas
- Fragmentation of wildlife habitat
- Nutrient Management on uplands
- Ditches without buffers
- Invasive Species

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

- A) The Anoka Sand Plain region which would encompass parts of Greenbush and Princeton townships. This area has a significant groundwater concern due to sandy soils.
- B) North of the Anoka Sand Plain to include the townships of Hayland and Page. This area is mainly utilized by agriculture such as row crop, grazing, and feedlots. The resource concern is nutrient management for each landuse.
- C) The final region would be the townships including and north of Dailey and Mudget which is significantly forested and includes forestry and woodland grazing utilization. The resource concern in this region is forestry management under each landuse and the threat of invasive species.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

- Buffers to Streams and Waters
- Nutrient Management / Feedlots
- Invasive Species

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

- 1) Will the practices address Invasive species? Yes/No
- 2) Will the practices address Buffers within 0-100 ft of an intermittent or permanent surface water resource? Yes/No
- 3) Will the practices address Buffers within 101-200 ft of an intermittent or permanent surface water resource? Yes/No
- 4) Will the practices address Buffers within 201-300 ft of an intermittent or permanent surface water resource? Yes/No
- 5) Will the practices address Feedlots within 0-100 ft of an intermittent or permanent surface water resource? Yes/No
- 6) Will the practices address Feedlots within 101-200 ft of an intermittent or permanent surface water resource? Yes/No

7) Will the practices address Feedlots within 201-300 ft of an intermittent or permanent surface water resource? Yes/No

8) Is the soil where the practice is located comprised of more than 50% of any of the soils listed below? Yes/No

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C24A	C27A	C35A	C40A	C41B	C44A	C45C
C45E	C49A	C53B	C53C	C57A	C58A	C69B
	C77A	C77B	C78A	C86A	C87A	C88A
C91B	C91C	C91E	C93A	C98A	C99A	C101A
C108A	C109A	C110A	C112B	C112C	C112E	C114B
C114D	C115B	C117A	C118C	C120A	C121A	C122E
C125A	C126B	C127A	C130B	C133A	C134A	C135A
C135B	C135C2	C139A	C143B	C144A	D2A	D3A
D9B	D38A	D44A	D45A	D46A	D50A	D60A
D60B	D60C	D60E				

9) Will the livestock have managed, restricted, or limited access to sensitive features such as wetlands, ditches, intermittent streams, rivers, and creeks within a grazing plan? Yes/No

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal between 35-60 points.

Points assigned to each question are as follows:

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| 1) 10 points | 6) 10 points |
| 2) 15 points | 7) 5 points |
| 3) 10 points | 8) 10 points |
| 4) 5 points | 9) 10 points |
| 5) 15 points | |

Since an applicant could only be scored by answering yes to one of questions 2-4 and/or questions 5-6, the total maximum points for an applicant would be 60 points.

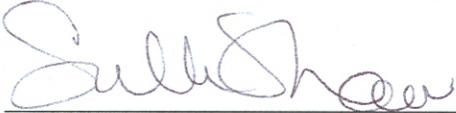
6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document.

None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.



Chair, Local Work Group

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Date